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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Sue A. Weaver

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-14 and 17-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-14 and 17-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 December 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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1. The drawings were received on 12/17/06. These drawings are objected to because there doesn't appear to be any lead lines for 130 or 140 in Figures 1b and c.

Figure 4 does not show the texture of foam material as claimed.

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 7, 10 and 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It isn't clear what applicant means by relatively stiff flat material which is also sufficiently flexible as claimed in claim 7 of flexible foam sheeting as claimed in claims 10 and 18. How is it relatively stiff and yet sufficiently flexible?

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

4. Claims 1, 4-6, 14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Crispi '062

Note Figure 7 of Crispi showing a 3D cover for a tissue box formed as a human head with a flexible bag 19 defining a 2D material which is considered to be flexible as most bags are.

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1, 4 and 6-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over <sup>2</sup>Clarke-Bolling et al '983 in view of Fascio '669.

<sup>2</sup> The reusable gift wrap 4 of Clarke-Bolling et al defines a flexible 2D object cover with the 3D object defined by the bow. To have formed the bow of a laminated material in the manner of Fascio to protect it for reuse would have been most obvious. Note that the laminate provides the plastic sheeting as claimed and is considered to be a relatively stiff material when laminated. Adhesive is considered to be equivalent to gluing.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The patents show other 3D objects.

8. Applicant's arguments, see page 6 of the amendment, filed 12/17/06, with respect to objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.84 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objections of drawings has been withdrawn.

Claims 2, 3, 15 and 16 have been canceled.

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 14 and 20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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